GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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Nano SIM Cards
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of smart phones has increased substantially and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether all companies are launching nano sim card smart phones in the market and providing nano sim to its customers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have failed to provide nano sim to its customers due to which the customers are being compelled to purchase the sim cards of other companies;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the MTNL and the BSNL propose to provide nano sim to their customers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes Madam. Details of demand of smart phones in the last 3 years are as under:
<pre>
Year Domestic Market in India

Volume (Million) Value
(Rs. crore)
2014-15 260 75000
2015-16 270 110000
2016-17 280 132000
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(b) to (e) There is no difference between a normal sim, a mini sim, a micro sim and a nano sim as far as functionality is concerned. The sims available in the market can be converted into one another (for example micro into nano) with the help of specially provided jackets by the Telecom service Providers (TSPs)/ vendors. A normal sim can easily be converted into mini sim, micro sim or nano sim and vice-a-versa, as per requirement. Nano sims are being provided by TSPs including BSNL and MTNL and there is no shortage of nano sims with BSNL and MTNL.
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